

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Brian Hoven, on April 20, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 335 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Brian Hoven, Chair (R)  
Sen. Nels Swandal, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)  
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Diane Sands (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch  
Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 661, 4/19/2017; HJ 30, 4/19/2017

Executive Action: HB 661 - Be Concurred In  
HJ 30 - Be Tabled

00:00:01 Chairman Hoven

**HEARING ON HB 661**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:00 Rep. Nancy Ballance (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 661, A statutory interim study on Montana State University laboratories.

00:01:56 Sen. Moore entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:06 Rep. Carl Glimm, HD 6

00:03:03 Sen. Lang entered the meeting.

00:06:51 Sen. Gordon Vance, SD 34

00:08:28 Jim Brown, lobbyist, Montana Wool Growers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:10:11 Tracy Ellig, executive director, University Communications, Montana State University (MSU)

00:10:28 Ken McDonald, administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:46 Sen. MacDonald

00:11:47 Rep. Glimm

00:15:46 Sen. MacDonald

00:15:59 Rep. Glimm

00:16:35 Sen. Lang

00:17:12 Mr. McDonald, FWP

00:18:52 Sen. Lang

00:19:11 Mr. Ellig, MSU

00:20:14 Sen. Lang

00:20:30 Mr. Ellig

00:22:20 Sen. Moore

00:23:03 Rep. Glimm

00:23:56 Sen. Caferro

00:24:11 Mr. Ellig

00:24:24 Sen. Caferro

00:24:47 Mr. Ellig

00:25:23 Sen. Moore left the meeting.

00:26:31 Sen. Caferro  
00:26:55 Rep. Glimm  
00:27:01 Sen. Caferro  
00:27:51 Rep. Glimm  
00:28:02 Sen. Caferro  
00:28:35 Rep. Glimm  
00:29:52 Sen. Caferro  
00:30:27 Rep. Glimm  
00:33:00 Sen. Salomon

00:33:22 Sen. Lang left the meeting.

00:33:50 Rep. Grimm

00:33:59 Sen. Osmundson left the meeting.  
00:34:12 Sen. Caferro left the meeting.  
00:34:23 Sen. Olszewski left the meeting.

00:34:45 Sen. Salomon  
00:35:23 Rep. Glimm  
00:36:12 Sen. Salomon  
00:36:48 Mr. Ellig  
00:40:35 Sen. Smith  
00:41:06 Mr. Ellig  
00:41:12 Sen. Smith  
00:41:28 Mr. Ellig

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:42:33 Rep. Ballance

**HEARING ON HJ 30**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:43:08 Rep. Dale Mortensen (R), HD 44, opened the hearing on HJ 30, Interim study of livestock law enforcement.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:48:30 Jim Brown, lobbyist, Montana Wool Growers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:50:17 Sen. Salomon  
00:50:46 Rep. Mortensen  
00:51:08 Sen. MacDonald  
00:51:25 Rep. Mortensen  
00:51:31 Sen. Smith  
00:51:54 Rep. Mortensen  
00:52:14 Sen. Smith  
00:52:19 Rep. Mortensen  
00:52:29 Chairman Hoven  
00:53:04 Rep. Mortensen  
00:53:46 Chairman Hoven  
00:53:56 Rep. Mortensen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:54:03 Rep. Mortensen  
00:54:20 Chairman Hoven

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 661**

00:54:38 **Motion:** Sen. Swandal moved that **HB 661 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:54:44 Sen. MacDonald  
00:55:45 Sen. Salomon  
00:56:40 Sen. Swandal  
00:56:51 Sen. MacDonald

00:57:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Lang, Sen. Moore, Sen. Olszewski, Sen. Osmundson and Sen. Sands voted by proxy. Sen. Vance will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 30**

00:58:10 **Motion:** Sen. Swandal moved that **HJ 30 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:58:18 Sen. Swandal  
00:58:44 Sen. Smith  
00:59:09 Sen. Salomon  
00:59:42 Sen. MacDonald  
01:00:34 Chairman Hoven

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01:00:40     **Vote:** Motion failed 4-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Olszewski, Sen. Osmundson, Sen. Salomon and Sen. F. Smith voting aye. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Lang, Sen. Moore, Sen. Olszewski, Sen. Osmundson and Sen. Sands voted by proxy.

01:01:56     Chairman Hoven

01:02:04     **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Swandal moved that **HJ 30 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present.

01:02:40     Chairman Hoven

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:03 AM

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Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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